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25X1A 1. (Confidential - GLC) Received a call from John Goldsmith, Senate Armed Services Committee staff. Goldsmith plans to travel to Southeast Asia again on 19 October and would like a briefing [redacted]

[redacted] See Memorandum for the Record.

2. (Secret - GLC) Met with Ed Braswell, Chief Counsel, Senate Armed Services Committee, and brought him up-to-date on a number of briefing items. I also talked with Braswell in general about the possibility of CIARDS legislation in the next Congress including a discussion of the quota problem and the feasibility of legislation authorizing the Director to revoke retirement annuities under certain circumstances. *

3. (Confidential - GLC) Picked up from Jack Norpel, Senate Internal Security Subcommittee staff, some material for [redacted] OS. 25X1A

4. (Confidential - GLC) J. Sourwine, Chief Counsel, Senate Internal Security Subcommittee, called with reference to an FBIS item on page A27 of the Daily Report for 10 October 1972 on a Chou En-Lai meeting with Owen Lattimore at which eight other Chinese were present. Sourwine is interested in any information we might have on the other Chinese present in reaching some sort of an appraisal of the nature of the session. I told him we would look into this and be back in touch with him.

* See GLC's Eyes Only Memo for the Record

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the point here, but immediately zeroed in on the vulnerability of such a provision as a denial of an employee's rights without due process of law. I told him that we were not unmindful of this point but felt we should explore the possibilities in cases of this sort. I added that we were very proud of our security procedures in the Agency but felt we had been very fortunate in not having had a Martin or Mitchell type case in the 25 years of our existence. I said sooner or later we were bound to have such a case and we wanted to try to have some foresight based on their past experiences. Braswell agreed that we should at least explore various alternatives for meeting such a situation.

c. Congressional elections. Braswell said my guess was as good as his on the question of whether the Republicans would gain a majority of the Senate seats next year, but said this would probably depend on the way the elections went in the South. We talked about Senator Margaret Chase Smith's situation and he said that while she had a very worthy opponent he felt that her name and the State of Maine were practically synonymous and he couldn't see how she could lose, especially in view of the strong Republican Presidential vote that is expected. When I asked him the effect on his situation if Senator Smith became Chairman of the Committee, he said he wasn't really sure although certainly Senator Smith should have the right to name whomever she wished as her staff director. He added he wasn't really worried about this since he was sure that he would retain a decent position. He also commented that he had 28 years of service and couldn't keep this pace up forever, so the prospect of retirement did not really scare him. Braswell said that since they had no designated subcommittees in the Armed Services Committee they didn't have the problem which some committees have experienced of having a minority staff member for every subcommittee. He said Larry Garcia was Senator Smith's appointee to the staff and Ed Kenney was, of course, Senator Thurmond's man. He added that since both of these staffers are charged to the minority side, they are of no real assistance to him.

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3. Mr. Braswell commented that he thought we (speaking collectively) had done well in avoiding any legislation detrimental to the Agency in this Congress. I said we had to credit him with avoiding any Committee action on the Cooper bill (S. 2224) which would have required the submission of intelligence information to the Congress through the Armed Services and Foreign Relations Committees. We speculated as to who might be expected to take up the crusade for this legislation following Senator Cooper's retirement. He said he was sure someone would take it up, but he had the impression from a comment Carl Marcy, Senate Foreign Relations Committee staff, had made to him that this was essentially Senator Cooper's bill and did not have a great deal of force behind it in the Committee.

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5. Our conversation drifted to a postmortem of Robert McNamara's tenure as Secretary of Defense and Braswell agreed that McNamara's one big problem was his inability to get along with the Congress. He recounted a story of McNamara's testimony at a posture briefing of the House Armed Services Committee when Mendel Rivers was chairman and said that Rivers actually ordered McNamara from the hearing room with the comment that the Committee did not want to hear anything further from him. He said McNamara's resignation followed shortly thereafter.

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